

Funding Acquired in 2009 War Supplemental Appropriations Act

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Washington, DC—Congressman Tim Ryan (OH-17), a Member of the House Committee on Appropriations, applauded the distribution of Retroactive Stop Loss Special Pay benefits, a program secured in the 2009 War Supplemental Appropriations Act. This program allocates \$500 per month, or any portion of a month, to service members who were retained on active duty due to Stop Loss. Service members who had their enlistment extended or retirement suspended due to Stop Loss between Sept. 11, 2001 and Sept. 30, 2009 are eligible for these benefits.

“Stop Loss has impacted so many service members that have had to place their futures on hold, leave their families back home, and risk their lives for our safety,” said Congressman Ryan. “By no means do these funds serve as compensation for the sacrifices made by our service members and their families, but a token of our gratitude as we continue to develop programs that will support and enhance the lives of our brave men and women who serve our Country.”

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The Secretary of Defense announced a comprehensive plan in March 2009 to eliminate the current use of Stop Loss, while retaining the authority for future use under extraordinary circumstances. The goal of the Department of Defense is to cut the amount of Stop Loss by 50 percent by June 2010, and to eliminate the regular use of Stop Loss by March 2011. The

Department of Defense estimates approximately 185,000 personnel are eligible for Retroactive Stop Loss Special Pay.

Service members may begin submitting their claim for Retroactive Stop Loss Special Pay immediately, in accordance with the 2009 War Supplemental Appropriations Act, and must be submitted to respective services no later than Oct. 21, 2010.

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